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Sir:

<u>PETITION TO WITDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT UNDER</u> 1.181 BASED ON EVIDENCE TH MAILED

An Office Action was mailed in the above identified matter on September 22, 2004.

Applicants mailed a timely reply with sufficient postage for first class mail on March 22, 2005 to the Commissioner for Patents. The reply included a transmittal sheet,

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Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the holding of abandonment be withdrawn based on the above evidence that a reply was timely filed on March 22, 2005 to the Office Action mailed September 22, 2004.

Applicants' patent application file and docketing system did not indicate receipt of the Notice of Abandonment. Applicants' representative, Scott Faber, first became aware of the Notice of Abandonment within two months from the mailing of this Petition when checking status for the above referenced application on the USPTO's Public PAIR system.

> Respectfully submitted, Terence Sean Sullivan et al., Applicants

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